

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF MISSOURI**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11 [HS HJR 11]**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the City of St. Louis to revise or amend charter to provide for county officers.

JOINT RESOLUTION submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 31, 32(a) and 32(b) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri relating to the city of St. Louis, and adopting four new sections in lieu thereof relating to the same subject.

SECTION

- A. Enacting clause.
- 31. Recognition of City of St. Louis as now existing.
- 32(a). Amendment of charter of St. Louis.
- 32(b). Revision of charter of St. Louis.
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- 32(c). Effect of revision on retirement.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

SECTION A. ENACTING CLAUSE. — Sections 31, 32(a) and 32(b), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and four new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 31, 32(a), 32(b) and 32(c), to read as follows:

SECTION 31. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS NOW EXISTING. — The city of St. Louis, as now existing, is recognized both as a city and as a county unless otherwise changed in accordance with the provisions of this constitution. As a city it shall continue for city purposes with its present charter, subject to changes and amendments provided by the constitution or by law, and with the powers, organization, rights and privileges permitted by this constitution or by law. **As a county, it shall not be required to adopt a county charter but may, except for the office of circuit attorney, amend or revise its present charter to provide for the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office and salaries of its county officers, and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and county officers prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state.**

SECTION 32(a). AMENDMENT OF CHARTER OF ST. LOUIS. — The charter of the city of St. Louis now existing, or as hereafter amended or revised, may be amended **or revised for city or county purposes** from time to time by proposals therefor submitted by the lawmaking body of the city to the qualified voters thereof, at a general or special election held at least sixty days after the publication of such proposals, and accepted by three-fifths of the qualified electors voting for or against each of said amendments **or revisions** so submitted. [Any such amendments so accepted shall take effect immediately, except as therein otherwise provided.]

[SECTION 32(b). REVISION OF CHARTER OF ST. LOUIS. — The lawmaking body of the city may order an election by the qualified voters of the city of a board of thirteen freeholders of such city to prepare a new or revised charter of the city, which shall be in harmony with the constitution and laws of the state, and shall provide, among other things for a chief executive and a house or houses of legislation to be elected by general ticket or by wards. Such new or revised charter shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city at an election to be held not less than twenty nor more than thirty days after the order therefor, and if a majority of the qualified voters voting at the election ratify the new or revised charter, then said charter shall become the organic law of the city and shall take effect, except as otherwise therein provided, sixty days thereafter, and supersede the old charter of the city and amendments thereto.]

SECTION 32(b). REVISION OF CHARTER OF ST. LOUIS. — In the event of any amendment or revision of the charter of the city of St. Louis which shall reorganize any county office and/or transfer any or all of the duties, powers and functions of any county officer who is then in office, the officer shall serve out the remainder of his or her term, and the amendment or revision of the charter of the city of St. Louis shall take effect, as to such office, upon the expiration of the term of such office holder. In the event of any amendment or revision of the charter of the city of St. Louis which shall reorganize any county office and/or transfer any or all of the duties, powers and functions of any county officer, all of the staff of such office shall be afforded the opportunity to become employees of the city of St. Louis with their individual seniority and compensation unaffected and on such other comparable terms and conditions as may be fair and equitable.

SECTION 32(c). EFFECT OF REVISION ON RETIREMENT. — An amendment or revision adopted pursuant to section 32(a) of this article shall not deprive any person of any right or privilege to retire and to retirement benefits, if any, to which he or she was entitled immediately prior to the effective date of that amendment or revision.
